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The Penny Illustrated Paper.
SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 1881.

OUR LONDON LETTER.

I WOULD invite those peace-abiding citizens who are wont to associate Mr. Charles Stewart Parnell with the ordinary blustering type of demagogue to fix this likeness of the M.P. for Cork upon their memories. This sketch fairly represents Mr. Parnell as, all shaven and shorn of hirsute adornments save a thin moustache, he has appeared in the House of Commons during the whole of this Session. His voice and manner studiously quiet, he is yet exceptionally ready and smart in debate, and is particularly effective by an impromptu counter-question in turning the tables on some would-be stigmatiser of the national movement he undoubtedly represents. Now, he had seen the Irish Land Bill (with the birth of which he had so much to do) passed through the Commons on the Friday night of last week—July 29—when the good and true men who had unswervingly backed Mr. Gladstone through thick and thin celebrated the victory by a loud and lusty cheer of congratulation and admiration, especially intended for their chief. Whence the ebullition of Monday evening, then? It should be remembered that it was a fervent sympathy with Mr. Dillon and other of his colleagues who have been deprived of liberty in Ireland that induced Mr. Parnell to display the quite unusual heat which provoked the Speaker and Mr. Gladstone into "naming" him. Considering that practically the whole of the Session has been devoted to an Irish question, it was, perhaps, unreasonable for Mr. Parnell and Mr. Justin McCarthy to have been dissatisfied with Mr. Gladstone's suggestion that the subject of the imprisonment of the coerced Land Leaguers might come on in a few days' time. Yet may this very unreasonableness be considered excusable when it is borne in mind that the expelled member, Mr. Parnell, is after all an Irishman, and was but doing his best to procure the release of his friends, some of whom, I learn, are really suffering in health from long incarceration in gaol.

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The Marquis of Salisbury had, rhetorically, by far the best of the dull discussion on Monday in the House of Lords. He did not spare the Irish Land Bill, which has, nevertheless, survived his sarcasms and those of the Duke of Argyll. It remains now to be seen what the Commons will do with the Lords' amendments.

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Spiers and Pond have done so much to reform the Mugby Junction System of railway refreshments that one may sincerely regret Mr. Pond has not lived longer to enjoy the fruits of the firm's well-won success.

Doctors have been differing to a pretty tune this week at the great Medical Congress in London. I shall look with curiosity to see whether their absence from their flocks makes any difference in the bills of mortality for the next few weeks.

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"Merry Dr. Brighton" often does more to set a man up than any number of doses would. I trust the hosts who lined the King's-road on Bank Holiday profited by their draughts of ozone. With 48,734 citizens at the Crystal Palace; 70,000 at the Alexandra; 9017 at the Tower; 23,081 at the Zoological Gardens; 21,699 at the South Kensington Museum; 12,209 at the Horticultural Gardens; 50,000 on Hampstead Heath; and equally large hosts in the Parks—London may be said to have enjoyed the bright Bank Holiday bravely.

PHILIP.

News in a Nutshell.

THE QUEEN AND THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S SQUADRON.

THE Queen and Princess Beatrice embarked on board H.M.Y. Alberta, Staff Captain Balison, on Friday se'nnight, on the approach of the squadron, under the command of Rear-Admiral the Duke of Edinburgh, and proceeded, with the Royal standard flying, towards Spithead to meet the ships. As the Alberta neared the squadron, which was led by H.M.S. Hercules, bearing the flag of his Royal Highness, the ships composing it hoisted masthead flags, but without firing a Royal salute. Her Majesty passed to the eastward, and close along the line, which was moving slowly to the westward, and repassed the ships again in returning to Osborne Bay, where the Queen landed at half-past eight o'clock, where the squadron anchored for the night.

The Crown Prince and Princess of Germany and the Duchess of Edinburgh, with their children, went in her Majesty's yacht Victoria and Albert, Captain Thomson, to meet the squadron in the Channel in the afternoon, and returned to Cowes Roads in company with the ships.

His Royal Highness Prince Henry of Prussia arrived in her Majesty's ship Hercules, and landed at Norris Castle.

The Crown Prince and Princess of Germany dined with the Queen in the evening, and Lord Ampthill had the honour of being invited.

Her Majesty, with Princess Beatrice, visited the Duchess of Edinburgh at Osborne Cottage on Saturday morning; and the Duke and Duchess called at Osborne House.

The Right Hon. W. E. Forster and Lieutenant-General the Right Hon. Sir H. Ponsonby, K.C.B., had the honour of dining with her Majesty last Saturday.

THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES.

The Prince of Wales, accompanied by the Princess, arrived at Portsmouth on Saturday afternoon by special train from Goodwood, where they had been during the race week, and crossed to the Isle of Wight in the Royal yacht Osborne, in order to be present at the Royal Yacht Squadron Regatta this week at Cowes.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, and the Princesses Victoria, Louise, and Maud of Wales, visited the Queen on Sunday, and her Majesty and Princess Beatrice afterwards visited the Crown Prince and Princess of Germany at Norris Castle.

THE ROYAL VISIT TO LIVERPOOL.

On the occasion of the forthcoming visit of the Prince of Wales to Liverpool to open some large new docks at the north end of that town, he will be accompanied not only by the Princess of Wales, but by the three young Princesses. The Royal visitors are to reach Croxteth Hall, seat of the Earl of Sefton, on Sept. 5, and next day they will proceed to Liverpool to open the docks. Their Royal Highnesses leave for the north the same afternoon.

THE CZAR OF RUSSIA,

accompanied by the whole of the Imperial family, left Moscow suddenly and secretly on Sunday night, it was said, for Nijni Novgorod. This hasty departure is understood to be owing to the discovery of a plot to assassinate the Czar, which was happily discovered and frustrated by the police. Information is said to have been received from Kcond that a young woman named Yusa, or Josefa, had received orders from the Nihilist "Executive Committee" of South Russia to take the life of the Czar, and that she had undertaken the task.

THE KING OF DENMARK

arrived at Vienna last Sunday, on his way to Gmunden to visit the Duke and Duchess of Cumberland.

THE PREMIER,

through Captain Vickers, his agent, has reduced the rents on his Hawarden estate 10 per cent, this being the fourth reduction so made. On two occasions the remission was 15 per cent.

THE DUKE OF WESTMINSTER

has announced to all his tenantry on the Eaton Hall estate that he intends at the forthcoming and following rent audits to return them 25 per cent of their rentals.

THE LAND BILL PASSED BY THE COMMONS, AND CUT UP BY LORD SALISBURY.

Amid loud cheers from the Ministerialists, the Irish Land Bill was passed in the House of Commons on Friday se'nnight; Mr. Gladstone was greeted with the enthusiasm he deserved; and the Lords read it formally the first time the same night.

Lord Carlingford on Monday moved the second reading of the Irish Land Bill, the objects and provisions of which he described at considerable length, concluding with an appeal to their Lordships to assist in the passing of a measure which, without injuring the money interest of the landlords, would, he believed, have a beneficial influence on the Irish people.

Lord Salisbury, in criticising the bill, objected that it gave a new definition of tenant right never before thought of, by conferring upon the tenant that which he had never bought and could not sell without wronging either his landlord or the purchaser, and, by depriving the landlord of his right to select his own tenants, to fix his own rents, to arrange his own estates by consolidating small farms, or adding one farm to another, and even to select the sites on which the cottages of the labourers employed on his estate should be built. As to the course to be taken with regard to the bill, the noble Marquis recommended the House not to reject it, but, accepting it on the responsibility of Ministers, amend it in Committee by removing those features which seemed to him fraught with glaring injustice. Various peers followed; and on Tuesday the Duke of Argyll pitched into the bill again.

A meeting of Conservative Peers was held at noon on Tuesday at the residence of Lord Salisbury, in Arlington-street, Piccadilly, to discuss the proposed amendments of the Conservative Party to be introduced in the House of Lords on the Land Bill. The amendments suggested by Lord Salisbury, which include that of Mr. W. H. Smith, and which was rejected in the House of Commons, were unanimously agreed to. It was understood that the Committee stage of the Land Bill would probably occupy the House of Lords during the sittings on Thursday and Friday; and the House of Commons would consider the Lords' amendments on Wednesday and Thursday next week.

MR. PARNELL EXPELLED!

Monday saw a lively scene in the House of Commons. The hon. member for Longford wished to know when the conduct of the Government in relation to the Coercion Act could be discussed, and Mr. Gladstone told him it could be done when the Appropriation Bill came on. This reply brought up Mr. Parnell, who persisted in addressing the House in language which the Speaker said was unparliamentary and improper. Ultimately the Speaker "named" Mr. Parnell for disregarding the authority of the Chair. Before Mr. Gladstone could move the suspension of Mr. Parnell, the member for Cork informed the Speaker that he should not await the farce of a division, and he at once left the House. The motion for suspension was then put, and, a division having been challenged, it was carried by 131 to 14.

MR. BRADLAUGH'S PROGRAMME.

Mr. Bradlaugh has given London a fillip of liveliness this week. On Tuesday evening he rallied his friends round him in Trafalgar-square. And he arranged beforehand to present himself at the House of Commons on Wednesday, accompanied by one friend only, at a quarter to twelve o'clock, just prior to the Speaker entering the House. But plenty of police had been called in to bar his progress.

The Justices of the Court of Appeal suggested to Mr. Bradlaugh on Monday that he might obtain independent evidence of the hour when the division took place on July 2, 1880 (which was the point in dispute in the action brought against him), by inquiring from one of the companies which dispatch dated messages from the House of Commons. Mr. Bradlaugh undertook to communicate with two, and to obtain affidavits for submission to the Court on Monday.

The "maintenance" summons against Mr. Newdegate will not be heard at Bow-street until Tuesday, the 9th inst., Mr. Bradlaugh having consented to this adjournment at the request of Mr. Newdegate's legal adviser.

PRINCE NAPOLEON

has issued a manifesto to the friends of his family, in which, as the representative of the Bonaparte traditions, he expresses his opinions upon the Government of France, and offers some advice in respect to the Elections.

The *Times* states that the report that negotiations for a new commercial treaty between France and England have been broken off is incorrect. The negotiations will be resumed in Paris.

AYOUB KHAN

is said to have been indebted for his victory to the bad generalship of Gholam Haider, but the fact remains that with a force which is said to have been small and badly equipped he defeated his more powerful antagonist and drove him from the field. Only a part of the Ameer's army was brought into action.

Despatches from Chaman, our outpost at the foot of the Khojak Pass, state that Ayoub Khan's advanced guard occupied Candahar on the day following the battle at Karez-i-Atta.

According to a Lahore telegram in the *Times*, the Indian Government have prepared for the instant dispatch of a brigade beyond Quetta in the event of complications at Khojak and Pisheen, though admitting that these are extremely improbable. It is thought, meanwhile, that to strengthen these out posts to the extent of two regiments outside their usual strength would suffice.

The *National Zeitung* (Berlin) affirms that Ayoub Khan's victory has virtually reopened the negotiations as to Central Asia between England and Russia.

THE TRANSVAAL AND ZULULAND.

The Boers and Sir Evelyn Wood have at length come to an agreement by which the Boers get back their independence while acknowledging the suzerainty of Queen Victoria, and agreeing to be just to the natives. Mr. Hudson's salary as British Resident has been fixed at fifteen hundred a year, and three hundred for allowances. The country will be handed over to the Boers on the 8th instant, and the Volksraad will be elected on the 9th.

Affairs in Zululand are considerably unsettled. Stamela, the pretender to Cetewayo's throne, is attempting to force the chief Umlandela to support him. John Dunn has raised a large impi to protect Umlandela. There has been fighting, and affairs are still unsettled. The Boers also are creating irritation on the north-west boundary by bringing cattle to graze and burning grass in Zululand. Sir Evelyn Wood visits Zululand.

SHOEBURYNESS.

The first division of Artillery Volunteers who will compete at Shoeburyness this week took possession of the camp on Saturday. There are in all eighty-one detachments, numbering between 800 and 900 men. They include three detachments of the 1st Forfar, and the same number of the 1st Lanark. Two Canadian detachments will compete.

DESTRUCTION OF H.M.S. DOTEREL.

The Doterel has been found to be broken in two. Only twelve whole bodies have been brought up from the wreck, two being those of officers and the remainder of sailors. They were all interred at Sandy Point. Six large guns, a mitrailleuse, and some ammunition have been recovered. It is now considered certain that the disaster was not due to an explosion of the boilers, as the latter have been found intact, and it is thought that a torpedo must have exploded while being loaded, and set fire to the magazine.

The court-martial on the survivors of the Doterel is to take place on board the Duke of Wellington flag-ship, at Portsmouth, and will, it is thought, extend over several days. The authorities are now awaiting the arrival of the diver from the scene of the disaster. Vice-Admiral Hood, C.B., commanding the Channel Squadron, will be the President.

SHIPPING DISASTER OFF BRIGHTON.

About seven o'clock on Monday morning the French schooner Eugène, Captain Capon, with a cargo of granite, bound from Boulogne for St. Malo, foundered about ten miles from Brighton. The crew and a passenger—four men and a boy—took to their boat, and landed at Brighton about eleven o'clock in the morning. Lieutenant Powell, of the Coastguard, who is the local agent of the Shipwrecked Mariners' Society, provided for their immediate wants, and they left Brighton for Dieppe via Newhaven during the afternoon.

TERRIBLE EXPLOSIONS IN AMERICA.

A despatch from Mexico reports a terrible explosion at a powder magazine at Mazatlan, which caused the death of seventy persons. A serious boiler explosion has also occurred at a distillery at Peoria, Illinois, killing eight people and injuring several others.

INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL CONGRESS.

The Royal College of Physicians in Trafalgar-square was this morning a scene of activity in connection with the International Medical Congress, which holds its sittings during this week. Hundreds of gentlemen from every quarter of Europe, and speaking nearly every Continental language, were besieging the rooms of the college and the secretaries of the congress. Happy are the patients!

"THE IRON ROADS DICTIONARY," by Mr. J. B. Somers Vine, giving a panoramic view of the railway lines and the places through which they run, has been published by Waterlow and Sons. The London, Chatham, and Dover; the South-Eastern, and the London, Brighton, and South Coast lines form the subjects of the first series.

MR. GEORGE BORROW, the author of several works relating to gipsies, has just died at Oulton, near Lowestoft.

THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL, who had been absent from the House of Commons for a fortnight on account of severe indisposition, was able to take his seat on the Treasury Bench again last Monday night.

SIR LOUIS CAVAGNARI.—The *City Press* states that arrangements have been definitively made to perpetuate the memory of the late Sir Louis Cavagnari, K.C.S.I., by placing a marble bust of him upon a pedestal in the great hall of Christ's Hospital, where he was educated.

Holiday Notes.

SCARBOROUGH.

LANCASHIRE is showing commendable activity in improving its popular Watering Place, Southport, to which we shall by-and-by have occasion to refer in proof of what public spirit can do for a seaside resort. Yorkshire still boasts, however, of Scarborough as the Queen of Watering Places. And those who have been braced in mind and in body by a visit to Scarborough will not be eager to dispute her right to that attractive title. As refreshing, indeed, as the hearty reception for which Yorkshiremen are famous is the breezy greeting Scarborough gives to holiday-makers. Scarborough is so far like an accomplished coquette that she is ever decking herself with some new adornment. Now a superb Grand Hotel is opened. Then the pier is enlarged. And as for the Spa—the fashionable centre of social life in Scarborough—well, it would require the comedy touch of a Burnand to fitly sum up the kaleidoscopic features of that Etablissement, Theatre, Pleasure-Grounds, and Club thrown into one. When Scarborough puts on her Venetian dress, and glitters with a myriad fireworks, which tell all the better for the fine setting, the scene is one of memorable resplendence. Go to Scarborough, then, if you would drive dull care away.

Chit-Chat.

GENERAL GARFIELD steadily improves. Dr. Hamilton telegraphs that his recovery is almost absolutely assured.

MR. GLADSTONE left town on Saturday afternoon for Mill Hill, where he remained until Monday.

MRS. GLADSTONE, who has been suffering somewhat from insomnia, has gone to Sandwich for change of air, and will remain about a week.

BALLOON GARDEN PARTY.—The first anniversary of the Balloon Society of Great Britain was celebrated on Saturday by a novel form of entertainment—a balloon garden party in the grounds at Lillie-bridge, West Brompton.

A MARRIAGE will shortly take place between the Duke of Argyll and Mrs. Anson, widow of Colonel the Hon. A. Anson, V.C., and daughter of the Bishop of St. Albans.

THE BARONESS BURDETT-COUTTS'S Columbia tenants, over 1000 in number, had "a day in the country" at Holly Lodge last Saturday. The party, who were conveyed to and from Highgate in special trains, were received by the Baroness and Mr. Burdett-Coutts, and subsequently dined in two large marquees erected on the estate.

THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY and family entertained 900 of the poor of Lambeth yesterday week. Among the crowded congregation were 200 mothers with babies in their arms. Tea was provided in the library, which was filled three times over.

LORD JUSTICE LUSH was unable to take his seat at the Somerset Assizes on Monday, and returned to London.

THE LADY GODIVA PROCESSION was revived at Coventry on Monday, in the presence of nearly 20,000 persons.

THE members of the Westminster Working Men's Constitutional Association had their annual excursion on Monday, and paid a visit to Sir. W. Hart-Dyke's park at Lullingstone, near Eynsford. Mr. W. H. Smith, M.P., addressed the meeting.

MR. CHRISTOPHER POND, of the firm of Spiers and Pond, died on Saturday last at Margate. As one of the founders of the well-known firm of Railway Refreshment caterers, Mr. Pond, who was as benevolent as he was affluent, deserves to be long remembered with esteem. He was, indeed, a public benefactor.

ACCIDENT TO LORD NEWARK.—On Monday at the camp of the 2nd Notts Volunteers a serious accident happened to Lord Newark, the junior Major. His Lordship was knocked down, kicked on the leg by his horse, and for a time disabled.

ROSS HAS CHALLENGED HANLAN unconditionally to row for the championship, and has given him notice that unless the challenge is accepted by him he will claim the title of Champion of the World.

MR. HONE, Junior, the well-known cricketer, went from Dublin to Limerick on Monday to take part in a local cricket-match. Not feeling well, he went into the City Medical Hall, Limerick, and asked for some medicine. The attendant handed him something, which he drank, immediately exclaiming that he had taken carbolic acid. This proved to be the case. Emetics were at once given, but he died late at night.

WHILE RIDING IN A HURDLE-RACE at a meeting of the International Gun and Polo Club, near Brighton, on Monday, Major J. Scott Chisholme was thrown soon after the start, and received severe injuries, his pony rolling over him. Major Scott Chisholme had only recently returned from Afghanistan.

THE FLYING AMEER OF CABUL: ABDURRAHMAN.

Our Illustrations.

THE CIVIL WAR IN AFGHANISTAN

is another of the evil consequences of the blood-stained Afghan policy of the ruinous Government of Lords Beaconsfield and Salisbury. Like witches round a cauldron, these mischievous Ministers sowed "toil and trouble" in that far-off land — drove into the arms of Russia the one capable ruler of Afghanistan; permitted first Yakoob Khan, under whom Sir Louis Cavagnari and suite were murdered, and then Abdurrahman to be Ameer of Cabul; and the Conservative Ministry of which the "noble" Earl and Marquis were the string-pullers are, accordingly, distinctly responsible for the sanguinary war now raging between the rival claimants for power in Afghanistan.

HOW AYOUB KHAN BEAT ABDURRAHMAN.

It is clear that after occupying Gholam Hyder with negotiations for several days, Ayoub, having got his force together, although he failed almost entirely to get recruits, marched southward with the object of seizing Candahar, or at least of interposing himself between the Ameer's army and the city. Gholam Hyder left the camp on the Helmand on July 22, with the view of attacking Ayoub, but, finding him gone, he quickly retraced his steps, crossed the river at Girishk, and, arriving at Kushk-i-Nakhud on the 25th, found that Ayoub was near Karez-i-Atta, six miles nearer Candahar. Here Ayoub again attempted to treat, declaring that his object was to avoid Candahar, and attack the English at Peshin.

Undeceived by this transparent device to gain time, Gholam Hyder advanced to the attack the next morning, and found Ayoub's army strongly posted on rising ground facing north. It consisted of 1800 regular infantry, 15 guns, 2500 horse, and 500 irregular infantry, all under the command of Sipah Salar Husain Ali Khan. The Ameer's force was composed of 2750 regular infantry, 1200 militia, and 2500 horse, of which 800 were regulars, with 18 guns. Gholam Hyder attacked without any regular formation or preparation. Two regiments and six guns only were engaged. At first they gained considerable advantage, but Ayoub's General bringing up his reserves and Gholam Hyder failing to do so, they were broken and routed. One regiment of cavalry made a gallant attempt to retrieve the fortunes of the day, but unsuccessfully.

Gholam Hyder fled, leaving two regiments and twelve guns that had not fired a shot. One regiment with some Candahar horse made their submission to Ayoub, while the rest of the army dispersed. The whole affair lasted barely an hour.

CANDAHAR REOCCUPIED.

The news reached Candahar the same day, and the Governor made preparations to defend the city; but the next morning he fled, and in the afternoon Hashim Khan, with seventy horse, occupied it without resistance. Mahomed Hashim Khan has reached Chaman. By his account the defeat was

AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY: WAITING ON THE UNDERGROUND RAILWAY.
[SEE "PHILIP'S" LONDON LETTER.]

'swing to incapacity, or worse. Mahomed says that Ayoub had only 1000 men, all told, whereas Gholam Hyder had four times as many. He says that only one Cabul regiment was engaged. The booty is variously estimated at from two to five lakhs.

BRITISH TROOPS AT HAND.

Ayoub Khan is reminded by our front Illustration of the bull-dog tenacity, and shoulder-to-shoulder tenacity with which British Redcoats can fight. But he can hardly need the reminder. Victor though he was at the Battle of Maiwand over General Burrows, Ayoub Khan will not yet have forgotten the sound drubbing he received thereafter outside Candahar from the smart handfull of Englishmen General Roberts led with the judgment of a Master of the art of war from Cabul. Roberts's triumph was a decisive victory, such as will make Ayoub pause considerably before he again risks an encounter with our gallant troops ready at hand to have inflicted another repulse had he had the temerity to advance in the direction of the British camps.

But the truth is there is no direct danger to any specially British interest in the victory of Ayoub Khan. Lord Hartington announced in the House of Commons that precautions had been taken to avoid any possible disturbance on the Indian frontier. Lord Ripon has directed General Hume, who is in command at Quettah, to be in readiness to concentrate at that point, in case of need, the considerable force now stationed in the neighbourhood of the Khojak Pass. It was to that force that Mr. Gladstone alluded, in the language which Mr. Onslow and Lord Randolph Churchill made such strange efforts to distort. There is no risk of any kind to people or territory for whose safety England is responsible, and perky young Mr. Stanhope's anxiety that the inhabitants of Pisheen and Sibi should not be left at the mercy of a peril which he is unable to define is needless and gratuitous. The really serious matter, and the one which may most profitably be considered, is, as it seems to us, the total failure of the person to whom we judged it expedient that Candahar should be formally transferred. Though we did not pretend to impose Abdurrahman upon the natives of Southern Afghanistan, it cannot be denied that the Indian Government regarded him as a proper person to accept the transfer of the territory from which British troops were retiring. Nothing could show more clearly than what has taken place the worthlessness of all such estimates.

THE FLYING AMEER OF CABUL.

Abdurrahman Khan, who was early in 1880 acknowledged by the British Indian Government as Ameer of Cabul, had long been an exile in Turkestan; but he is the lineal representative of Dost Mohammed, the founder of the Barukzai dynasty. He is the eldest son of Afzul Khan, who was in his turn the eldest son of the Dost, and he is thus nephew to the late Ameer Shere Ali. It is believed that Abdurrahman was born about 1830, so that he is now fifty-one years of age.

When Dost Mohammed died, in 1863, only twelve days after he had crowned his victorious career by taking the city of Herat, his favourite son and nominated heir, Shere Ali, succeeded at first quietly to the throne. Afzul Khan, the father of Abdurrahman, was at that time Governor of Balkh or Afghan Turkestan, with his capital at Takht-i-pul. Abdurrahman had taken to wife a daughter of the Ameer of Bokhara, and one of his sisters was married to a son of the same Prince. The next brother of Afzul, named Azim Khan, joined with Afzul and Abdurrahman in a conspiracy against Shere Ali, immediately upon his accession to the principality of Cabul. This caused the outbreak of civil war in Afghanistan in 1864. During the war Abdurrahman played a leading part on the side of his father Afzul and his uncle Azim against Shere Ali. In 1865, 1866, and 1867 he won several battles, and the great victories of Shaikhabad and Khelat-i-Ghilzai were mainly due to his ability. He was intrusted with the Governorship of Balkh, where he made himself popular by his moderation and by marrying the daughter of the chief of Badakshan.

In 1868 Abdurrahman was unable, however, to offer a successful resistance to his cousin, Yakoub Khan, son of Shere Ali, who defeated him at Baigah, near Bamian, and also finally at Tinah Khan. Abdurrahman then fled from the country, ultimately reaching Russian territory. He was well received by General Kaufmann, who permitted him to reside at Samarcand, and allowed him a pension of twenty-five thousand roubles a year.

Abdurrahman Khan remained in Turkestan, an exile and a pensioner of the Russian Government, till 1879, when he suddenly departed without taking leave, and slowly made his way through Balkh to the Cabul frontier. No attempt was made to detain him, and there was some mystery about his intentions. The portrait of the Ameer Abdurrahman is from a photograph by Messrs. Bourne and Shepherd, of India.

AYOUB KHAN, VICTOR OVER ABDURRAHMAN.

The exploits of Ayoub Khan have had the effect of bringing this young Prince of the Barakzai house prominently forward as an active participator in the guidance of events in Eastern Afghanistan. Ayoub is the son of the late Ameer Shere Ali, by the daughter of the Mohmund chief of Lalpura, thus being the full brother of Yakoub Khan. He was born in or about the year 1851, and took part in the campaign of 1867-8, which resulted in the triumph of Yakoub and the restoration of Shere Ali to the throne. His name was not mentioned, however, until a much later period. In 1871 Yakoub had fallen into disfavour with his father, and had for safety withdrawn from Cabul. In the following year he retired to Seistan, and soon afterwards, gathering round him a small band of adventurers, among whom Ayoub was prominent, he attacked Herat, and expelled Shere Ali's Governor. Until the close of the year 1874 Yakoub ruled there in independent state, and he was assisted in the task of government by his young brother Ayoub. In the year mentioned the well-known attempt to reconcile the conflicting pretensions of Shere Ali and his son was made, and Yakoub went under a safe conduct to Cabul, where he was arrested and cast into prison. During his absence, he had left Ayoub in charge of Herat; but the prompt measures taken by the Ameer, and the skill shown by his General, Omar Khan, made his rule there one of very brief duration. On the approach of Shere Ali's army, he fled to Persia, where he was granted an honourable reception and allotted a pension by the Shah.

From 1874 until the flight of Shere Ali from Cabul, in December, 1878, he resided in Persia, generally at Meshed; but when the Afghan power crumbled away in its first contact with our own he saw that an opportunity offered itself for establishing himself in Herat. The Governor nominated by the Ameer was apparently loth to refuse an entrance to Ayoub at the time when a common danger seemed to sink all party differences; but as soon as the young Prince had obtained admission into Herat he intrigued, and successfully, against his father's representative. When Yakoub Khan was negotiating with us at Gundamuk, his brother Ayoub had so far consolidated his power in the west that he was in a position to send fresh troops to take part in the war against ourselves. These arrived on the scene too late, for the Treaty of Gundamuk had been signed.

It is generally understood that Ayoub, on learning the conclusion of the war, reproached his brother for having made territorial concessions to the British; and the part taken by the Herat levies in the attack on the Cabul Residency will also be remembered as substantiating this view. It will be remembered that Ayoub inflicted a serious defeat on the British troops at Maiwand last year—a defeat which Sir Frederick Roberts promptly avenged by driving Ayoub from before Candahar after the memorable march from Cabul.

AYOUB AND CABUL.

The well-informed Indian correspondent of the *Times* was of opinion on Sunday that this week would witness Ayoub in full march on Cabul. Whether the Ameer will await him there is doubtful. He may elect to try the issue of another battle under the walls of the capital, or he may at once make for Afghan Turkestan. Probabilities seem to point to the adoption of the latter course. Abdurrahman's rapacity and cruelty have made him unpopular in Cabul. Mahomed Jan, the most powerful man in the north, a doubtful friend hitherto, may at any moment become an open enemy. That the Ameer cannot trust the Cabulee troops is very clear from the fact that the Khanabad regiment, whose treachery contributed to if it did not actually cause the rout at Karez-i-Atta, consisted of northern Afghans, and was one of the corps which accompanied Abdurrahman from Turkestan last year. Then the Ameer's conduct for the last few months appears to show that he has been carefully securing a retreat beyond the Hindu Kush. He has sent thither the greater portion of the arms and treasure presented to him by the Indian Government. He has a strong force there under his cousin, Isnak Khan, and it is now pretty certain that Ishak has given up the plan—if, indeed, he ever seriously entertained it—of making a counter-march on Herat by way of Maemena. It is not unlikely that the Ameer may succeed in holding his own in Afghan Turkestan, and that the end of the civil war may see Afghanistan split into two kingdoms—Ayoob being master of Cabul, Candahar, and Herat, and Abdurrahman reigning in Balkh and Badakshan.

MR. BRADLAUGH'S GRIEVANCE.

One of the anomalies of the present Parliament is that, albeit Mr. Gladstone on ordinary questions commands a large majority, the House has revolted against the Prime Minister's leadership on the one point of Mr. Bradlaugh's admission. Twice chosen Mr. Labouchere's colleague in the representation of Northampton, Mr. Bradlaugh is still declared inadmissible. A Court of Law has, moreover, decided that when Mr. Bradlaugh, after making the simple affirmation of allegiance he claims the right to make, did sit for some months in Parliament he had no legal right to do so. But Mr. Bradlaugh, possessing in a large degree the courage of his opinions, has this week formally insisted once again on his indefeasible right to take his seat in the House to which Northampton has elected him.

Now, the unsitting member for Northampton would, doubtless, have liked to have seen a repetition of the historical scene of which he was the centre on June 23 last year. Mr. Bradlaugh is not adverse to posing, as is faithfully indicated in the page Engraving of the episode in the House of Commons. But the Speaker had taken means to prevent a recurrence of this incident at the table. Mr. Brand had for weeks stationed policemen in every corner of the lobbies in order to check Mr. Bradlaugh's ingress. To the inner lobby he would have been permitted to enter. Thus far, but no farther should he go, said the Speaker. The upshot—for the present—is now widely known.

VOLUNTEER ARTILLERYMEN AT SHOEBURYNESS.

The National Artillery Association's seventeenth annual camp of instruction, which opened on Saturday last in the Government ground at Shoeburyness, outside the barrack walls of the famous School of Gunnery, is this year more interesting and important than ever. One reason for this lies in the public recognition of the necessity of a strong force of volunteer artillery, in order that the forts guarding our coast may be at once adequately manned. Another reason is the extension of the association's work to our colonists, the Canadian Artillery Volunteers having sent two detachments to take part in the contests on the batteries with the heavy rifled guns and to gain instruction in the gun-sheds from the officers and men of the "school." A third reason is to be seen in the increased list of prizes, headed by Her Majesty's Prize of £100, showing public appreciation of work which is based on discipline and necessitates something more than a cursory knowledge of the duties which fall to the lot of garrison artillerymen.

The meeting will this year be attended by nearly 2000 officers and men, who come not only from all parts of England, Scotland, and Wales, but, as has been stated, from Canada, the Canadians including two officers and two gentlemen cadets. The Canadians are under the command of Colonel and Captain Peters, and the Gentlemen Cadets are Mr. Hodgins and Mr. Kirkpatrick. They are in the first division. In order to accommodate all the qualified artillerymen who desire to attend, the work competitions are spread over two weeks, one division attending one week, and when this division marches out the second will march in. Lieutenant-Colonel Keate, R.A., commands the camp.

The *reveille* for the first general parade was sounded on Monday morning at five o'clock. The men, after the final inspection under Colonel Keate, and breakfast, marched to the batteries, where firing commenced with the 64-pounder Palliser muzzle-loading gun with shell, for prizes given by Sir R. Wallace, M.P., value £45; those by the Association, value £20; the 2nd Middlesex prize of £15, and a prize of £10. The firing with the old smooth-bore gun is now entirely abolished, and all the work of the batteries by the Volunteers is with weapons of precision.

Sports and Pastimes.

ROYAL YACHT SQUADRON REGATTA AT COWES.

Rush off to the Isle of Wight if you would enjoy a good, invigorating holiday. The storm of wind and rain which burst over Cowes on Sunday disappeared on Monday as though by magic. The sky was blue, and the sunshine intense. In the harbour and in the roadstead scarcely a ripple was to be seen, and Cowes week after all had an auspicious opening. Cowes was, indeed, severely nautical, and the pretty seaside and seafaring costumes were far from giving one the blues. Owners of yachts were exchanging visits or were receiving on board their hospitable craft hosts of friends. The little steam-launches were flitting hither and thither, conveying visitors to this and that member of the beautiful squadron in the offing. Society having transferred its gaiety from the dry land to the sea, proved just as eager in the pursuit of enjoyment as ever, only the restraint of town and even of Goodwood Lawn was gone, just as the primrose and cream and lace and gold insertion and elaborate sunshade and crinolette had given place to braided costumes of navy blue.

The presence of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the Lord High Admiral the Duke of Edinburgh, and a bevy of Court flunkeys, rendered the Society toadies ineffably serene. At the annual meeting of the Royal Yacht Squadron at Cowes on Monday the following new members were elected:—Colonel Hampton Lewes, Sir William Scott, the Duke of Norfolk, Major Murray, Mr. Francis Pym, and Mr. Nicholas Woods; and the following were added to the list of honorary members:—Captain K. Carter, R.N., H.M.S. Hector, and Captain Buller, H.M.S. Cambridge. The entries for her Majesty's Cup, raced for on Tuesday, were as follow:—

Yacht.	Tons.	Owner.
Aline	215 ..	The Prince of Wales.
Egeria	157 ..	J. Mulholland, M.P.
Watersnich ..	158 ..	Mr. E. Baring.
Dolphin	62 ..	Rev. J. N. Palmer.
Atona	35 ..	Colonel K. Loyd.

This was a time race, the Enchantress allowing from 10 min. 47 sec. to 37 min. 59 sec. to all the rest. About three-quarters of an hour previous to the time fixed for starting, the Waterwitch, while being towed by her steam launch, got on to a bank, and although a powerful tug was brought to her assistance, she remained fast. The wind was light; the start was little more than a drifting match. The Dolphin got the lead, and the Aline, Egeria, and Enchantress hugged each other close astern.

THE TURF'S BLACKLEGS.

THE Sussex Fortnight, which began with Goodwood Races, closes this week with Brighton and Lewes Races. We should be loth to see these meetings suppressed; they yield much healthy pleasure to numbers who attend races for the enjoyment of sport alone. But the Parliament of the Turf, the Jockey Club, is unworthy to exist if it does not exert itself promptly to rid each meeting of the brutal ruffians and tricksters who are allowed with impunity to pollute the very air at every gathering. If this epicurean club do not take action to remove this scandal, Imperial Parliament may be called upon to step in and disperse the gangs of blacklegs, welshers, thimble-riggers, pickpockets, card-sharpers, and foul-mouthed wretches who infest most race-meetings. For the evil has grown too great to be tolerated any longer.

Brighton Races began on Tuesday. The Brighton Stakes brought out six runners; but Evasion was struck out of the race at two p.m. Blackthorn started a good favourite, but he suffered a ready defeat by Thunderstruck, who landed a 5 to 1 chance for his owner, Mr. T. Cannon.

The Lewes meeting, which commences on Friday and concludes on Saturday, will terminate the fortnight's racing in Sussex, with what would be abundance of good sport were it not for the presence of the vile crew the Jockey Club rejoices in viewing. Lewes is a charmingly picturesque place; and the good citizens of Lewes surely deserve a race meeting freed from the scum of welshers who offend the eye, nose, and ears of all orderly race-goers.

CRICKET.

The fortieth Canterbury Week was commenced at the St. Lawrence Ground in fine weather on Monday. Owing to the absence of Lord Harris and Mr. Frank Penn, the county team, none too strong at any time this season, was not so good as could have been wished, and as the Eleven chosen to meet them was powerful both in batting and bowling, the prospects of Kent were not bright at the outset. The opening days of the match were devoted to the benefit of Henty. The attendance was very good, more than the usual number of spectators being present. At a little after half-past twelve o'clock, Kent sent in the Hon. Ivo Bligh and Mr. Mackinnon, who were opposed to the bowling of the No.ts professionals, Morley and Barnes. The innings closed at 3.55 for 94. Mr. Kemp carried out his bat for a well-made 19. Three bowlers were changed, and all with success. Morley took five wickets in 35 overs (22 maidens), for 33 runs; Mr. Steel, three wickets, 15 overs 1 ball (5 maidens), 21 runs; and Barnes, three wickets, 19 overs (10 maidens), 25 runs. Mr. A. N. Hornby and the Hon. A. Lyttelton, who began England's innings at twelve minutes past four o'clock, were opposed by Messrs. A. Penn and Foord-Kelcey. The score soon mounted to ten, when Mr. Hornby was bowled by Mr. Foord-Kelcey, and made way for Mr. Studd. When stumps were drawn at a quarter to seven o'clock, 148 runs had been made, and the innings was not finished.

After suffering defeat at the hands of the Surrey Club and Ground the Uppingham boys visited Lords' on Monday. The School won the toss, and put together 111 runs, the most noticeable it-n of which was the very creditable innings of Mr. Field of 58. After a short interval the Club and Ground went in and scored 145; and had to "follow on."

Surrey v. Sussex was commenced on Monday at Kennington Oval, in the presence of a large number of spectators. The visitors' innings closed for 95. At five minutes to four Mr. Lindsay and Jupp went to the wickets on behalf of Surrey, who were credited with 124 before play ceased for the day.

A cricketer has now been "Boycotted" in Ireland! As a young man named Farrington was returning from a cricket-match on the grounds of the Kilbeggan Cricket Club the other day, he was assaulted and severely kicked, in consequence, it is said, of having played with a club which had been "Boycotted" by the local Land League. Two men were arrested, and remanded pending further investigations.

Dr. W. G. Grace batted in splendid form in the Notts v. Gloucester match, which was left unfinished at Nottingham through the rain last Saturday. He made 51 in his first innings, and 182 in his second. Scores: Notts' only innings, 240; Gl'ster, 155 and 483.

Mr. A. N. Hornby with his 69 and 50 doubtless contributed much to Lancashire's second victory over Yorkshire last Saturday at Manchester. At the beginning of July, at Sheffield, the Lancashire lads were victorious by 50 runs, and on the present occasion they won by eight wickets. Scores:—Lancashire, 212 and 70; Yorkshire, 96 and 185.

A team of Charterhouse boys visited Vincent-square on Saturday last to play their annual match against Westminster School. The game proved of a most one-sided character. In their first innings the home eleven were disposed of for 62 runs. The visitors went to the wickets and were not got rid of until they had placed 316 runs to their credit. Mr. Wright's 72 was a most creditable performance, and contained a five, five fours, eight threes, two twos, &c. Eventually, Charterhouse won by having played 254 runs. M.C.C. were last Saturday victorious by an innings and 21 runs over Rugby at Lord's. The tour of the Harrow Wanderers was brought to a close the same day by a match against Lascelles Hall, who were defeated by ten wickets.

The open lawn tennis tournament at the grounds of the London Athletic Club, Stamford-bridge, was concluded on Saturday. The following is the score:—Deciding round.—Mr. F. L. Rawson beat Mr. G. M. Hill by three sets to one.

The race for Doggett's Coat and Badge was rowed last Saturday afternoon over the usual course from London Bridge to the Swan at Chelsea, six young watermen just out of their apprenticeship competing for as many prizes in the shape of £6 6s. and the coat and badge, £5 5s., £3 3s., £2 2s., £1 11s. 6d., and £1 6s. Three trial-heats, in which nine competitors rowed, were held on the Wednesday preceding the race in order to decide who should start in the race for the badge, the course being from Putney Aqueduct to Hammiersmith Mall. The trials resulted in the following six being left in—namely, T. G. Blackman, Lambeth; G. Claridge, Richmond; G. R. Martin, Greenwich; H. J. Metcalfe, Tower; W. Smith, Deptford; and H. J. Thomas, Battersea. Shortly after a quarter past four o'clock the start took place, and Claridge, who jumped off with the lead, held it to the end, winning easily by about 120 yards; Smith took the second place from Blackman by half a length; and Thomas, who was a bad fourth, was only a slight distance in front of Martin.

The Mile Professional Swimming Championship Race for a challenge cup presented by Mr. McFarlane, the proprietor of the *Sporting Life*, took place on Saturday at the Welsh Harp, Hendon, with the following result:—W. Beckwith, 500 yards champion, 1; A. S. Robinson, ex-1000 yards champion, 2; S. Abbott, Victoria Swimming Club, 3; W. H. Dawe, Holloway Swimming Club, 4; Jules Gautier, 0. Beckwith won easily. Time, 29 min. 59½ sec.

Willie Beckwith's success in this champion race was richly deserved. He had for years worked hard to be Mile Champion of England. From infancy he took to the water like a duck. When quite a little boy, he used at his father's capital swimming entertainments to dive without a particle of fear from the exceptionally high diving-plank, and be well cheered for his pluck. Each year since then almost has seen him improve the skilful stroke he may be said to have inherited from Professor Beckwith, ex-Champion of England; and Willie Beckwith's present side-stroke is a most powerful and effective one. His sister's wonderful command over the water is well known by her attractive swimming performances in the Whale Tank of the Westminster Aquarium.

The Royal Yachting Regattas off the Isle of Wight were preceded on Saturday last by the Portsmouth Corinthian Clubs' Regatta in the Solent. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was an eyewitness of some of the racing from the Osborne. In the handicap for 5-tonners, the Vanessa of Mr. Fickling Scovell arrived first off Southsea Pier; but Admiral Byng's Penelope won by time allowance.

The Irish Champion athletic sports were held last Saturday at Lansdown-road near Dublin, but rain caused the sports to be postponed for over an hour. The following are the details of the principal events:—Quarter-mile Flat Race.—G. D. Christian, Dublin, 1; T. A. Guinness, London A.C., 2; G. S. Searight, Dublin, 3. Christian won easily; time, 52 sec. 120 Yards Hurdle-Race.—G. D. Christian, Dublin, 1; C. J. Woolfe, Armagh, 2. The first flight was jumped together, when Christian went to the front and won, after a splendid struggle, by a couple of feet; time, 19 sec. Four Miles Flat Race.—G. Gibson, Belfast, 1; W. Hogg, Dublin, 2; Hogg gave up on completing his second mile, and Gibson came in alone; time, 22 min. 8 sec. 100 Yards Flat Race.—G. Brown, 1; J. H. Stewart, 2; G. D. Christian, 3; won by four feet; time, 10¾ sec. Running High Jump.—D. Brown, Limerick, w.o. Running Long Jump.—E. W. Wolfe, Arnold, 1; D. Browning, Limerick, 2; distance jumped by winner, 19 ft. 9 in. Throwing the Hammer, 16 pounds, D. Browning, Limerick, w.o.

The Tyne Regatta was revived last Saturday; but nothing is said yet with regard to the revival of the Thames International Regatta by Mr. J. Orrell Lever, M.P. On the Tyne, the sculler who distanced the most was Mr. W. Hawks, T.R.C. This skilful oarsman won with ease the Black Diamond Sculls for the Amateur Championship of the Tyne; likewise the Percy Challenge Cup. The Tyne Ferry Company's Challenge Cup for junior fours was well won by the South Shields crew. Mr. J. Daglish's crew won the Visitors' Race.

In cheerless weather on Saturday last Charles Brightwell, of the Duncan Rowing Club, and John Harbord, of the Alliance Rowing Club, sculled over the Thames Championship course for a cup and a bet of £25 a side. It was a capital race till Chiswick was reached. Here Harbord collapsed. His boat steered badly, nearly broadside on, and Brightwell could not help running into him. At length they got clear, and went away side by side. Brightwell got slightly to the front about two hundred yards above the Bull's Head at Barnes, where suddenly his boat went down head foremost. In obedience to the instructions of Drewitt the sculler got his feet clear of the stretcher straps, and was quickly astride of the bow of the cutter. In a short time a skiff containing two young men came alongside, and into this Brightwell scrambled, conveying a couple of passengers over the remainder of the course. On reaching Mortlake he at once claimed the race on the foul, and it was awarded to him by the umpire.

Barnes and Mortlake Regatta took place last Saturday; and the Maria Wood did service as a grand stand, the band of the Duke of Cumbridge's own regiment playing a good selection of music. Umpiring duties were fulfilled by Messrs. Brickwood and Fenner. The Thames Club, of course, won the Pairs and Fours; the West London, the Eights; the unknowns of Bedford School rowed over for the Public Schools' Challenge Cup; Ealing took the Junior Fours; W. R. Grove, L.A.C., the Senior Sculls; and the Hammersmith Alliance the Tradesmen's Fours.

TATTERSALL'S, MONDAY.

The Goodwood settling was of a very extensive character at Tattersall's on Monday. Wherever 5 to 2 was obtainable against the St. Leger favourite, Iroquois, it was readily taken, and in a few cases 2 to 1 was laid on behalf of the American representative, who for weeks past has been much firmer than Peregrine. A large sum of money was thrown into the market to befriend Lucy Glitters, who was well backed down to 20 to 1. Quotations:—

9 to 4 agst Iroquois (5 and o)	20 to 1 agst Lucy Glitters (2 & o)
4 to 1 — Peregrine (5 to 4 &10, and o)	33 to 1 — Privateer (4 and o)
	50 to 1 — Ely (4 and o)
10 to 1 — Limestone (5 and o)	50 to 1 — Bal Gal (2 and o)
10 to 1 — St. Louis (3 and o)	66 to 1 — Sir Charles (2 & o)
100 to 8 — Geologist (3 and o)	100 to 1 — Ring (2 and o)
20 to 1 — Scobell (2 and o)	1000 to 5 — Ludgate II. (2)

The enormous sale of HORNIMAN'S PURE TEA by some 4000 Agents (Chemists, &c.) at once testifies to the high approval it has realised for its combinedly strong, delicious, and invigorating qualities.—[ADVT.]

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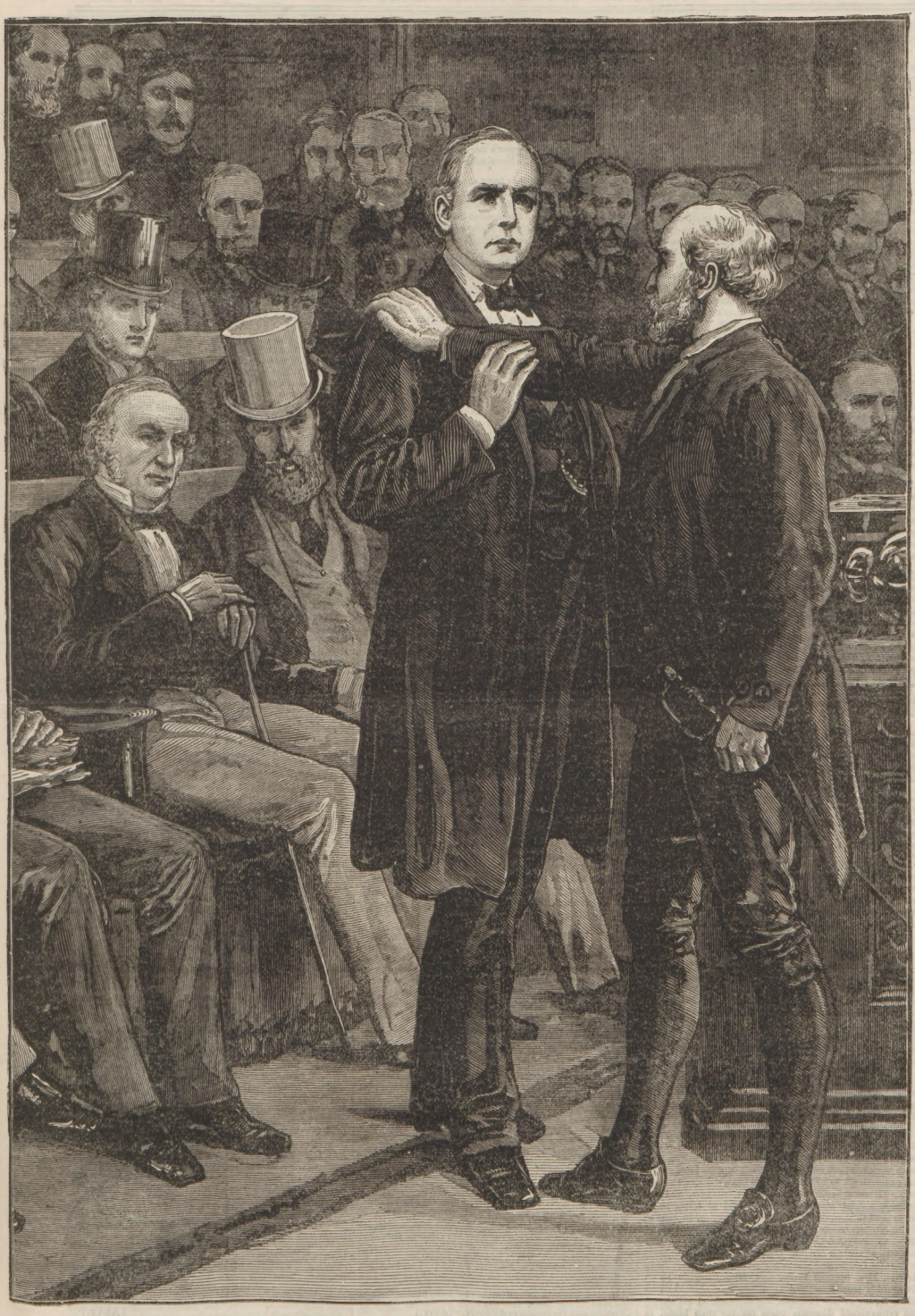
A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS OPERATION.

A FEW years ago a man came from America to introduce an article hitherto unknown to this country. He commenced operations by renting a *sub*-basement on Ludgate-hill, from whence he dispatched his goods on trial to all parts of the country. Success attended his efforts—so much so that but a short time had elapsed before increased business necessitated the addition of another basement; and, this prosperity continuing, he ultimately became the occupant of three basements and offices, exceeding in space by six times that first rented by him. In these extensive premises the business still further expanded, hundreds of parcels, almost, being despatched daily from thence. In little less than one year it had grown to such magnitude that a still further increase of premises became absolutely necessary; and this man, once the tenant of a small sub-basement, now leases a large and entire building, adapted, at great expense, to the requirements of his business. The most astonishing point about this rapid and wonderful success is, that it has been achieved with little or no advertising; for the reader will bear in mind that he has seldom, if ever, seen an advertisement in the newspapers, until of late, concerning the article, which, by-the-way, is an "Extract of American Roots," otherwise called "Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup," the proprietor of which is A. J. WHITE, of 21, Farringdon-road, London, E.C., and it is now for sale by all chemists. The sale of the article is now so great that no less than £200 worth of revenue stamps are weekly consumed in compliance with the law, which fact alone will indicate the enormous proportions to which the business has attained. The weekly cash receipts have averaged £1200 during the present year, and show the same decided upward tendency that they did three years ago, when they were but £100. An increase of tenfold in a few years is thus shown to have taken place; may it not, therefore, be assumed that another twelve months will show a still further increase? The question that will now occur is—"How has this rapid and great success been attained?" We answer—In the same manner by which news travels to India—from mouth to mouth, so that now the article, first sent out on trial for cases of dyspepsia, and the many painful complaints to which it gives birth, effected such remarkable results that those who had derived benefit from its use loudly made known the fact to their friends and neighbours, many of whom thus became persuaded to give the article a trial, and they, in their turn, finding its use beneficial, also added to its fame, which thus continued to spread by means of a little army of those who had suffered from dyspepsia or indigestion, and obtained relief, gratefully acknowledged.

It is supposed that there never was such a wonderful achievement, in this or any country, in so short a space of time, and what other inference can be drawn therefrom than (as is the case) that the article possesses real merit? For upon no other supposition can it be imagined that those who had, as it were, constituted themselves into animate and walking advertisements, would voluntarily, and without pay, advocate to all within their influence the "Extract," as a means of escape from the distressing symptoms of disease. This dyspepsia, so prevalent in the country, steals upon us unawares. Patients have pains in the chest and side, sometimes in the back; they feel dull and sleepy; the mouth has a disagreeable taste, especially in the morning; a sort of sticky slime collects about the teeth, making the breath offensive to others. The appetite is poor, and there is a feeling like a heavy load on the stomach; sometimes an "all gone" sensation at the pit of the stomach which food will not satisfy. The eyes are sunken, the hands and feet become cold and feel clammy—a sort of cold sweat in fact. The patient feels tired all the while, and sleep fails to afford rest. After a time he becomes nervous, irritable, and gloomy, and his mind is filled with sad forebodings. There is a giddiness—a species of whirling in the head when rising up suddenly; the bowels become costive, and the skin is dry and hot at times. The blood is now thick and stagnant; the whites of the eyes become tinged with yellow; there is a frequent spitting up of the food, oftentimes with a sour taste in the mouth, at others with a sweetish taste. These symptoms are frequently attended with palpitation of the heart, so that the patient suspects that he may have heart-disease. The vision becomes impaired, with nibs or spots before the eyes, and there is great prostration and weakness. After a while a cough sets in, at first dry, but attended, after a few months, with a greenish-coloured expectoration. All these symptoms are not necessarily present at one time, but they are in turn, one after another, and generally many of them at one time. Sufferers from these distressing symptoms will usually give their last penny to obtain relief, and no doubt many will be induced to write to Mr. WHITE and learn the full particulars of this wonderful remedy; perhaps they, too, will find relief and become members of the little army of those whose good word has so efficiently made the worth of the article known: for sufferers from a disease, when finding relief, are almost always anxious that others who suffer may also have relief brought within their reach. Testimonials from such people, as to a fact, have more weight than pages of argument; and herein lies the secret of the rapid and wonderful success above described.—[ADVT.]

BRITONS GETTING READY FOR AYOUB KHAN: RECROSSING THE KHOJAK PASS.



WHAT MR. BRADLAUGH WOULD HAVE LIKED TO HAVE SEEN REPEATED.

Chat of the Gossips.

["WHAT THE *World* SAYS."]

MANY ladies of rank have formed themselves into an association to assist the English woollen industry, which is now in an unsatisfactory condition. Among the patronesses are H.R.H. Princess Christian, H.R.H. Princess Mary, and many ladies of rank and fashion; and the promoters have secured the co-operation and assistance of the principal West-End tradesmen, and enlisted the sympathies of the principal Court milliners and dressmakers in London.

I was not a little surprised to observe the other day that Sir Albert Sassoon's mansion-house, at Kensington Gore, was guarded by policemen. On inquiry I find that this precaution had been taken in consequence of Sir Albert having received a letter threatening to blow his house up, in consequence of his having had the effrontery to entertain the Prince of Wales at lunch at Brighton on the occasion of his recent visit, instead of leaving him to the tender mercies of the Brightonians.

The Prince and Princess of Wales and party arrived on Saturday off Cowes, in their steam-yacht Osborne, which, with the Queen's yacht, has been refitted and re-embellished for the yachting season. The cost of keeping these yachts fit for Royal use may be guessed when I say that the Admiralty have just passed accounts for the Osborne amounting to nearly £5000.

The statement that her Majesty contemplated a trip by water to Scotland, in her steam-yacht Victoria and Albert, was purely speculative. Her Majesty will travel north by railway. Before the Court leaves Osborne, new colours will be presented to the 66th Regiment, which is stationed at Parkhurst, the ceremony being performed by either her Majesty or Princess Beatrice, who will be accompanied by the Crown Prince and Princess of Prussia. The presentation will be of a private rather than a public character.

In the intervals of almost incessant locomotion Sir Frederick Roberts has been sitting to Mr. Ouless, R.A., for a portrait destined for Eton.

After a short interval of repose, the new Commander-in-Chief of the Forces in the Presidency of Madras will go to Germany, to watch the military manœuvres on the part of England, and shortly after his return will depart with Lady Roberts for India.

Although some commiseration has been expressed for Sir Frederick at being sent, as it were, out of the world, the appointment is not a bad one as times go. Six thousand a year is not to be picked up on every battle-field; and then he will have the consolation of Mr. Grant Duff's society.

A little sympathy might be far more legitimately expressed for the Crown Princess of Germany, who will miss from among her European correspondents the best informed and most agreeable writer of them all. Perhaps, however, the new Governor may be able to write entertaining letters even from Madras.

Mr. Grant Duff will be keenly regretted by other Royal, Imperial, distinguished, and accomplished personages He probably knows more authentic stories of living celebrities than any statesman or diplomatist in Europe, and is an admirable *raconteur*. His method is different from that of the high professor of the art, for Mr. Hayward disdains introductory matter, and gives only the marrow of his story. Mr. Grant Duff excels in picturesque detail, as well as in dramatic force and local colour. Nobody who has once heard him tell it can forget his wonderful ghost-story concerning the murdered President Abraham Lincoln.

Sir Samuel and Lady Baker are on their way home from San Francisco. Whilst there, Sir Samuel nearly ended his wanderings in a summary manner, having been dangerously ill with a very violent attack of bronchitis.

It is no small matter of surprise to the eight hundred and fifty foreign doctors, not to mention three thousand of our own M.D.'s at present assembled in London, to find how much work has been laid out for their benefit, intellectual and physical, all to be crowded into the short space of one week. Besides breakfasts, luncheons, dinners, and receptions, special steamers are provided to hurry them hither and thither, down and up the Thames, to inspect engine-works, docks, &c. Special trains will take them to Folkstone, Hampton Court, Margate, and Boxhill, where Sir Trevor Lawrence provides luncheon at Burford Lodge, and shows his beautiful orchids. Lady Hooker, Mrs. Spencer Wells, and Mrs. Langdon Down give garden parties on the 6th. Sir James Paget, the presiding genius of the congress, has surrendered his house, and relinquished domestic peace for the time being, in favour of the distinguished guests, who will honour his festive board for at least six meals a day. He and Sir William Gull open the campaign by entertaining the Prince of Wales, the former at luncheon at his own house, the latter on an enlarged scale at dinner at Willis's Rooms.

Lord and Lady Granville give an evening reception to the M.D.'s at Carlton House-terrace on Saturday evening.

MESSRS. Stephens and Solomon's new comic opera, "Claude Duval," is now in full rehearsal at the Olympic. Mr. Celli rides one of Sanger's fiery steeds on to the stage and sings his first song on horseback.

Few fashionable people in town are probably aware what charmingly cultivated flower-gardens and parks lie almost in their midst. By this time people are nearly all dispersed; but to any still compelled to remain, one might suggest a drive to Battersea Park or the Regent's Park, where the flowers and tropical plants are now looking their best. There is a charming bit of garden, too, on the Embankment, between Westminster Bridge and Charing Cross, laid out in the best taste imaginable.

Prince Christian, who was to have been a guest at Goodwood House, obeyed orders, and did not put in an appearance, although the Crown Prince of Germany was less docile, and honoured the course with his presence on the Cup Day. This distinguished soldier and Prince was everywhere received with the respectful welcome which is most justly his due.

On the Friday Don Carlos appeared, and was admitted to the arcana of the ducal corner, where he paid his respects to the Princess of Wales, and lunched with the Duke and Duchess of Richmond. I understand this Royal scion does not mince matters, but openly states his opinion of the "cowardly treatment" he has received at the hands of the Republican Government in France.

The Princess of Wales at Goodwood looked each day more charming than on the previous one. The first day it was a simple purple dress; on Wednesday her Royal Highness wore what I must suppose was a "brigade" dress of deep blue spotted with red, and a bonnet to match wreathed with red currants. On the Cup day her Royal Highness wore a simple and charming dress of ivory satin braided with gold.

Among other Cup-day toilettes worthy of notice was the white brocaded satin tunic worn by the Duchess of Manchester, and which was finished with a broad sash of chocolate satin. Mrs. Cornwallis West was admirably suited by her tight-fitting grey silk, provided with a hunch or crinolette of vast proportions. It was, perhaps, in her flat-brimmed straw hat, garlanded with a wreath of light blue flowers, that Mrs. West looked most bewitching.

At Broxbourne station, on the Great Eastern Railway, there are always large bouquets of good honest country flowers for sale at the low price of sixpence each. They outlive an expensive London bouquet by many days; and if the plan of selling flowers was adopted at other stations and junctions, and on other railways, it would be found to answer.

There is a great though gradual improvement going on as to the race of hansoms; and if people in the West-End would only insist on having what is known as a Lowther cab, when selecting one from the stand, it would tend greatly to expedite the reformation.

The one-horse omnibuses which the railway companies have started are much used and appreciated. The cabmen, it appears, are up in arms at this supposed infringement of their prerogative; but they will, no doubt, live to learn that there is room in the world for these omnibuses as well as themselves, just as the metropolitan omnibuses found that, spite of the Underground Railway, there was enough traffic for both.

I have seen and handled one of the now notorious infernal machines, and a very ugly machine it is. Its aspect is not unlike that of a square coffee-canister or a tin of preserved meat. The case is of some preparation of zinc hammered. Until the lid is removed the devilish thing seems as innocent as any article from a grocer's or oilman's shop. Even on a closer inspection the machine might be taken for a roughly-fashioned clock, for these American affairs are nothing wonderful in the way of workmanship.

BEAUTIFUL HAIR.—Churcher's Toilet Cream is the cheapest and best pomade. Imparts fragrance, richness, and softness to the hair. Price 1s., in glass jars or pots; in bottles for exportation, 1s. 6d.—R. Hovenden and Sons, 5, Great Marlborough-street, W.; and 93 and 95, City-road, E.C. London; and of Perfumers and Chemists.—[ADVT.]

WHAT EVERYBODY WANTS TO KNOW.—A gentleman writes:—"Since I have used Eno's Fruit Salt night and morning my headaches, &c., have quite left me; and this is after suffering for above twenty years. You should make its fact well known." Eno's Fruit Salt or Fruit Saline (prepared from sound ripe fruit). It is a pleasant beverage—sparkling, cooling, refreshing, and invigorating; it keeps the blood pure and prevents bilious attacks by natural means. Sold by all Chemists. Price 2s. 9d. and 4s. 6d. Beware of unprincipled worthless imitations.—[ADVT.]

FLORILINE.—For the Teeth and Breath. The best liquid dentifrice in the world. It thoroughly cleanses partially-decayed teeth from all parasites or living "animalcule," leaving them pearly white, and a delightful fragrance to the breath. Price 2s. 6d. per Bottle. The Fragrant Floriline removes instantly all odours arising from a foul stomach or tobacco smoke, being partly composed of honey, soda, and extracts of sweet herbs and plants. It is delicious to the taste, and harmless as sherry. Sold by Chemists and Perfumers everywhere.—[ADVT.]

A DAY AMONGST BUTTERCUPS AND DAISIES.

BEFORE and around me were hundreds of children, the poorest and most abject of the poor, but—"mothers of happier and more well-to-do children" hear this—all had done their best to turn them out as well as they possibly could.

About a score of vans and two waggonettes were ready for the reception of our little folks; each van had a number attached to it corresponding with the number on the ticket each child had; and thus, having got all comfortably seated, amidst ringing cheers of delight, and the merry notes of our bugler, we started off on our journey to Chingford—

Where flowery meads were gaily dressed,
In all their summer beauty!

Arrived at our destination, and located in lovely fields where children could go ankle-deep in flowers, who could fail to observe the delirious delight of the poor cooped-up London children first introduced to a meadow of buttercups and daisies, a wood of blue-bells, a hedgerow crowned with sweet-scented may-blossoms, the lark sinking merrily at heaven's high gate, and all the feathered songsters in their freedom warbling out their wild notes on the passing breeze? It was a sight that might have done many a heart good, and might have opened the purse of many a one to give those poor gutter children some foretastes of heaven which bounteous nature offers.

Then commenced the romps, the games, the fun, and the frolics of the little folks; and even the ladies who were there did not disdain to take part in their innocent amusements. There were swings, skipping-ropes, donkeys (for those who could afford to ride), kiss-in-the-ring, puss-in-the-corner, hide-and-seek, and other games, which were freely entered into, and as gloriously enjoyed.

For dinner each child was given, folded up in paper, amply sufficient to eat, and there, on the mossy banks, and under the canopy of heaven, did those little stray waifs partake of the bounties which their kind donors had generously sent. Tea we had at the Royal Forest Hotel, adjoining Queen Elizabeth's Lodge—such nice bread and butter, such beautiful currant cake, and such delicious milk from the cows! Why, the bare recollection of that one meal will linger in the mind of many a poor child for years to come!

As the shades of evening began to close around us, blue, crimson, green, and yellow fires were lit up, and shed a brilliancy around. But what was their light to the light which came from the poor children's eyes, the brightness of which had never been so brilliant as on that day? All were joyous and happy—pale, wan cheeks had become sunburnt and rosy; and their day out

In the merry green wood,
With its shady bowers,

had produced effects almost impossible to conceive.

And the ride home—was it not delightful? Each had some funny exploits to tell; and what if Jemmy did fall into the ditch, and Willy went tumbling after; what if Charley had stung his hands with nettles, and Lizzie had scratched hers with thorns; what if Carry had crushed her best hat, and Kate had lost one shoe in the mud? Why, nothing! There were kind, good-hearted "mothers" living there who made all things right, and sent all away happy.

Nearer, and still nearer, we approached the great city, and then, as if in keeping with the dismal dwellings to which these poor stray waifs were approaching, dark and sullen clouds o'ercast the sky, the glories of the fading sun were totally obscured, there was heaviness and oppression in the air, whilst languor and fatigue had taken the place of merriment and mirth; and when our bugler struck up

Home, sweet home.
There's no place like home,

it seemed a mockery to many who had no "sweet home" to go to, but had to herd in noxious dens amidst foul and pestilent air.

Our opinion is that the greatest philanthropists are those who study the wants and requirements of childhood and age, and this seems to have been the great aim of Dr. Ridge in the production of his celebrated Food for Infants and Invalids.

It is splendid for infants, and here are corroborative facts:—

A lady (a personal friend of ours) was confined and had twins. On the following week, on our usual visit, we called and saw the husband. He was glad to see us, and, with a father's pardonable pride, said, "Come and look at my two fine sons"—and certainly beautiful children they were.

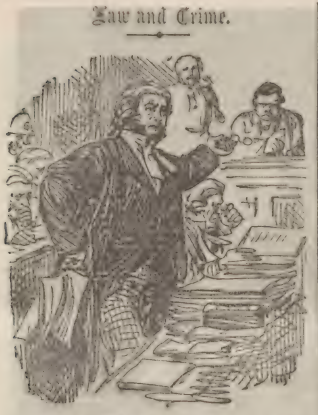
Noticing one of Dr. Ridge's cases on the table, we, out of curiosity, said, "Do you feed them on this diet?" The nurse replied, "Yes, and beautiful gruel it makes!" "And do they like it?" we asked. "Yes," she said, "I never, in all my experience, saw babies so fond of taking anything as that. And look how they thrive on it," she added; "why, it takes me half my time to keep feeding them."

In my experience as a visitor I find Ridge's Food is adapted for the young or the aged—the weak it strengthens, comforts, and supports; and by the strong and healthy it will be found to contain all the elements necessary for the formation of flesh, fat, bone, and muscle.

Women of England, try it yourselves, and you will then realise the truth of our words. We are not connected with the firm—never saw Dr. Ridge—and whether thousands or millions of tons are sold a year it matters not a jot to us; our advocacy of it is based on higher grounds—namely, PRO BONO PUBLICO.

[ADVT.]

Law and Crime.



THE FENIAN OUTRAGE AT LIVERPOOL.

At the Liverpool Assizes on Tuesday the trial of James M'Grath and James M'Kevitt, charged jointly with having on June 10, by the explosion of a certain explosive substance, feloniously damaged the Liverpool Townhall, thereby endangering human life, was commenced before Mr. Justice Lopes. There were lesser counts in the indictment charging the prisoners with maliciously damaging the building.

THE INFERNAL MACHINES.

Another claimant for the honour of being connected in the manufacture of the infernal machines discovered at Liverpool has come forward. An Irishman, named O'Hara, has informed a representative of the *St. Louis Post* that the dynamite clock-work was made in that city. The infernal machines were intended for the destruction of the English Navy, as the best way of dismembering the British Empire. They were to have been put on board ironclads at Plymouth. Since June 20 eighty-six have been shipped, and O'Hara thinks that fifty have escaped capture. He says a thousand men are united with him in waging this war against the Crown. "We are rebels, making stand against authority. Science enables one man to kill a thousand; this is not assassination—it is private war." The report adds that the factory of the machines was shown to the interviewer, with many of the machines already completed.

MURDER BY SOLDIERS AT CHATHAM.

A brutal murder was committed at Chatham last Saturday night. Continuous quarrels have taken place lately between the Royal Marines and the men of the 53rd Regiment. Some men of the 53rd, on going home, were heard to say they would kill the first marine they met. They afterwards saw two marines and killed one of them, named Thomas William Hall, by kicking him about the head. Five men have been apprehended—William Hughes, Joshua Carter, John Duffin, and Michael Welsh, 53rd Regiment; and Thomas Dodwell, 52nd Regiment. On Monday they were charged and remanded. Carter admitted that they were all there at the time of the attack, and said it was Hughes who kicked the deceased. The magistrate remanded them until Thursday, and in the interval the inquest upon the body will be held.

THE GOODWOOD PRIZE-FIGHT.

At a special meeting of the Chichester county magistrates on Saturday Thomas de Costa was brought up on a warrant, charged with assaulting James Ford, an inspector in the West Sussex Constabulary. Inspector Ford stated that as he was walking from the course towards Singleton, just after seven o'clock on the previous Wednesday evening, he saw a fight going on in a bottom. There was a ring, with a man, and a crowd of people surrounding. Several groups of country people were also near, but they appeared to have no connection with the others. The Deputy Chief Constable (Mr. Kemmish) and Superintendent Clarke were there, and tried to disperse the crowd, but were pushed back. Witness was in plain clothes and attempted to get near the ring, but the defendant, who was in the crowd, and appeared to be assisting in keeping the ring, pushed him back. He attempted to draw his staff, but somebody said, "He's going to draw his staff; give it to the ——," and defendant and others pushed him outside among the roughs. The defendant's statement was that what he did was with the view of saving the complainant from violence, and that he did not know that he was a policeman. The Bench accepted this statement, and dismissed the case. The chairman complimented the police on the courage they had displayed in endeavouring to stop the fight.

THE SHOEMAKER SHOULD STICK TO HIS LAST.

At Nottingham Assizes on Saturday, before Justice Stephens, the case of "Needham v. Bingham" was heard. Plaintiff came in 1866, at the age of fifteen years, to take a situation as machine hand in service of defendant, who is a boot and shoe manufacturer at Nottingham. He succeeded in seducing her on the promise of marriage when his mother died. No fewer than eleven children have been born, and when defendant's mother died last year he married another woman. The jury gave a verdict for plaintiff for £250.

SUICIDE OF THE KING OF THE DONKEY DRIVERS.

Dr. Danford Thomas, Coroner for Central Middlesex, held an inquest last Saturday at the St. Pancras Coroner's Court as to the death of Henry Slade, aged forty-two, of 13, Lismore-circus, Haverstock-hill, who committed suicide by drowning himself on the previous Tuesday. The deceased was known in the northern district of London as the King of the Donkey Drivers. The deceased ran a fish bone into his hand, and blood poisoning set in, and in consequence he became an inmate of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; but, although strongly advised not to do so, he took his discharge, stating that the pain was so intense it would drive him mad. The deceased went home and appeared to be very strange in his mind; and shortly afterwards a loud splash was heard to come from one of the seven ponds, Millfield-lane, Highgate. It was found that the deceased, after having hung his coat on the rails, had thrown himself into the pond. The jury returned a verdict that the deceased committed suicide whilst of unsound mind from excessive pain.

COMMUTATION OF DEATH SENTENCE.

In response to the recommendation of the jury who tried the case, and to a petition since forwarded, the Lord Lieutenant has commuted the death sentence passed at late Derry Assizes on Elizabeth Buchanan, for the murder of her husband in April last, to sentence of penal servitude for life.

THE OLD PALLAS MURDER.

On Saturday two men, named Birmingham and Collins, were committed for trial to the next winter assizes at Limerick for the murder of James O'Brien at Old Pallas.

OUR IRISH LETTER.

A SIGNIFICANT ARREST

under the Coercion Act, and one which cannot fail to attract considerable attention, took place last week. It is that of Edmond Slattery, on whose information a policeman was recently placed under arrest on the charge of killing a man at Bodyke during some disturbance at an eviction on the property of Colonel O'Callaghan, in the county of Clare.

ANOTHER LANDLORD SHOT.

A cowardly and lamentable outrage occurred last Sunday evening in the neighbourhood of Ballydehob, in the county of Cork. An old gentleman named Robert Swanton, upwards of eighty years (the father of Mr. Swanton, J.P., who was fired on some time ago in about the same locality), was being driven home by his servant about four o'clock in the afternoon, when a shot was fired at him from behind a clump of bushes. The shot took effect on the left side of the old man's face. The driver had a miraculous escape, his hat being perforated in many places with slugs, though he himself escaped without injury. Mr. Swanton was taken to his home, a few miles outside Ballydehob, and medical attendance immediately secured; but the latest intelligence conveyed the painful news that the slightest hopes of his recovery could not be entertained. There are many causes assigned for the outrage; but the most probable (though obviously unjustifiable) one is that Mr. Swanton was personally engaged in ejecting some labourers on his property within the past month. At the weekly meeting of the Loughrea Land League, the Rev. P. Egan in the chair, a resolution was adopted expressing unanimous regret and total abhorrence at the recent murder of Constable Linton in the town.

A LIMERICK ROW.

A soldier who on Sunday last made an attack in Limerick on two priests of the Dominican Order, who were walking along the street, received a very severe chastisement from a crowd which had collected. He was, however, subsequently rescued by the clergymen themselves, and finally conveyed to the military barracks.

JUSTIN.

A KINDLY VOICE FROM THE GRAVE.—The agent for the Hughenden estate will return 20 per cent to the tenants on the last half-year's rent, this being, it is said, in accordance with the late Lord Beaconsfield's intention.

HAVE IT IN YOUR HOUSES. — LAMPLOUGH'S PYRETIC SALINE.—The cure in Smallpox, Fevers, Skin Diseases, of Bilious Sickness. Sold by Chemists; and the only Maker, H. Lamplough, 113, Holborn-hill, London, E.C.—[ADVT.]

ADVICE TO MOTHERS.—MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP should always be used when children are cutting teeth. It relieves the little sufferer at once; it produces natural, quiet sleep, by relieving the pain, and the little cherub awakes as "bright as a button." It is perfectly harmless, and very pleasant to taste. It soothes the child, it softens the gums, allays all pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels, and is the best known remedy for dysentery and diarrhœa, whether arising from teething or other causes Sold by all Chemists, at 1s. 1½d. per Bottle.—[ADVT.]

COOPER COOPER and CO. have OPENED A BRANCH ESTABLISHMENT at 7, WESTBOURNE-GROVE, for the SALE of their CHOICE TEAS.

COOPER COOPER and CO. undertake to answer the oft-heard question, Why is Tea so dear? and they say that it is simply because the public, in this as in other matters, are powerless to insist on having their share of the advantages which result from falling markets. Tea, in fact, was never so cheap to buy since it was first imported into England, as may be easily ascertained by a reference to the current market reports, and yet relatively the retail price was never so exorbitant.

Now COOPER COOPER and CO. have resolved to rectify this discrepancy, and to this end they undertake to SELL the BEST TEAS that can be purchased at their respective prices at a small commission only on the actual prices paid to importers. This system of business is specially intended to bring the public into partnership as it were, or at all events to enable them to become participators in the great margin of profit which lies between the wholesale and retail price of tea. COOPER COOPER and CO.'S prices will be found to be ninepence per pound less money than those usually charged for identical qualities.

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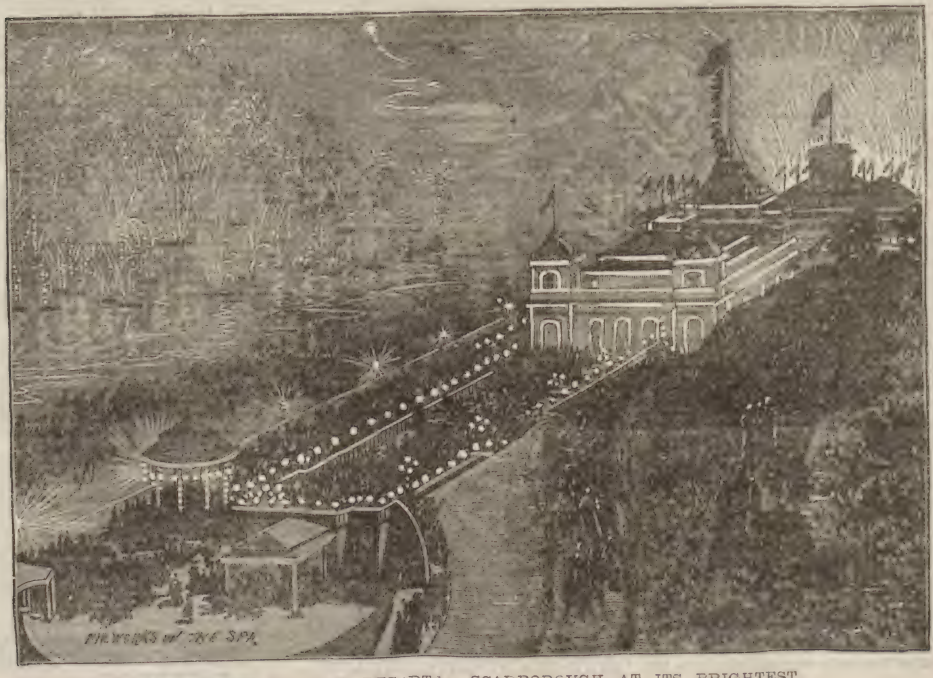

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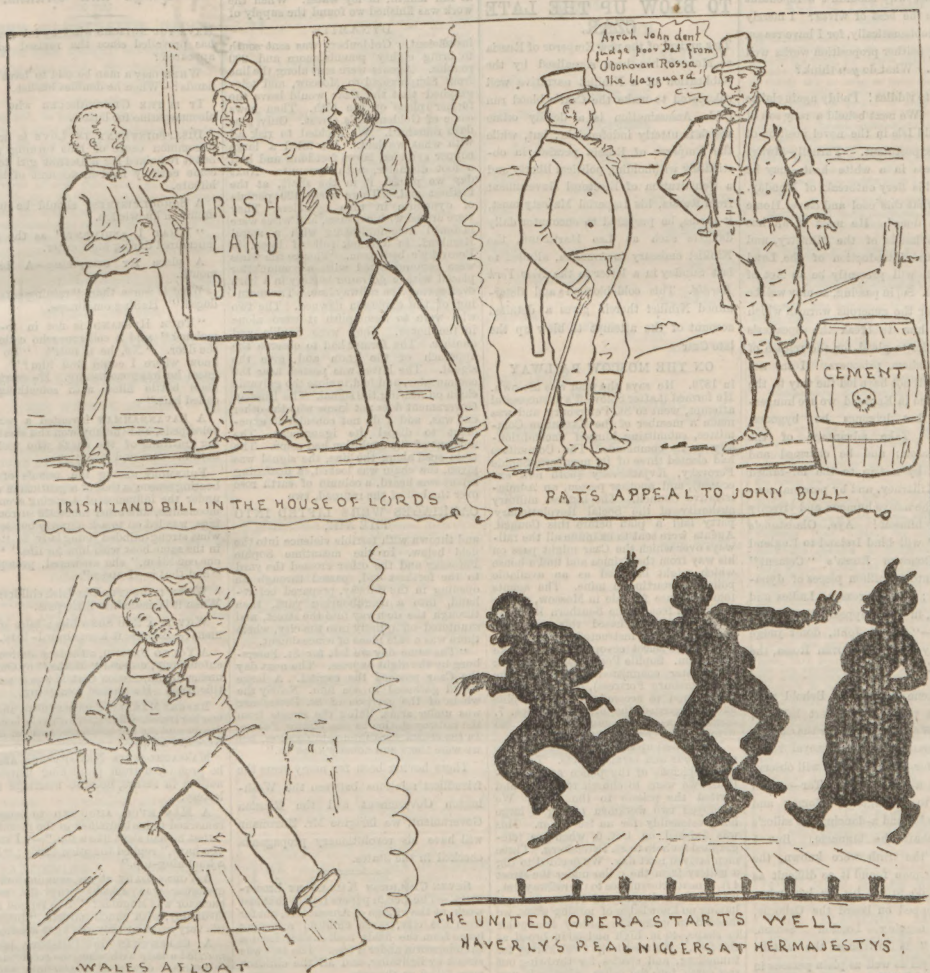

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—

I trust yo are none the worse for Bank Holiday! Noble Peers are excepted on this occasion. The most exalted of our fellow-countrymen—the noble army of martyrs who vouchsafe to legislate for us in the House of Lords—on Monday sacrificed Pleasure on the shrine of Duty—Duty being with them a high resolve not to part with an inch of their territories, not an atom of their feudal privileges to poor Pat. Let us discriminate, however. There are peers and peers. Your Liberal peer is likely to do as much good for the country—if not far more—than your Radical plutocrat. Clear-headed advocates of Progress like Earl Granville, Lord Selborne, Lord Carlingford, the Earl of Rosebery, the Earl of Dalhousie, and Lord Carrington are among our truest political friends, Ladies and Gentlemen. They, in their heart of hearts, no doubt wished when the Irish Land Bill came before the Upper House that Ireland could be regenerated by the abolition of Entail and Primogeniture, and the facilitating of Free Trade in land. Ah! friends, the tenure of land in England, and Scotland, and Wales, as well as Ireland, would be seasonably improved by the prompt adoption of those natural reforms. But I am reminded by yon cartoon on the Irish Land Bill that desperate diseases demand immediate remedies. Hence the ameliorating measure of Mr. Gladstone's Cabinet, Ladies and Gentlemen! Mr. Gladstone (gladdened by the cheers his faithful supporters gave him when the bill passed the Commons) may, pictorially speaking, be deemed to have wended his way as "Irish Land Bill" to the floor of the Lords. If our plucky Premier *had* been in the gilt chamber of Peers on Monday, he would have given Lord Salisbury some smarter retorts than he got. But wait, friends, till Lord Granville gets the better of his gout; and see if that skilful master of the noble art doesn't plant a few pungent blows on to the bearded phiz of the feudal Marquis of Privilege!

Ye wouldn't have been surprised, by-the-bye, at the Duke of Argyll's hostility to the Irish Land Bill had ye known his Grace was one of the most inflexible landlords in Scotland. His tenants even forget now-a-days to say "God bless the Duke of Argyll!" What is the consequence? They itch for a Scottish Land Bill. It is right the coming Duchess should know this, Ladies and Gentlemen!

Talking of marriageable noblemen, ye would never guess what has become of the accomplished and fascinating "Skittles." Nor should I be justified in disclosing the secret. I would only put it to the noble

Lord—If a reformed rake makes the best of husbands, why shouldn't a repentant Circe make the best of wives? I merely put this problematically, for I have reason for saying neither proposition works well in real life. What do *you* think?

A truce to riddles! Paddy again claims attention. We next behold a racy son of the Emerald Isle in the novel position of a quiet expostulant. Parnell—always more or less in a white heat—may be pardoned his fiery outbreak of Monday. Consider what this cool and clever Home Ruler has done! He most of all has forced the hands of the Ministry, and hastened the introduction of the Land Bill, which will presently be an Act of Parliament. So, in passing, he may well be forgiven for the generous warmth which prompted him to break the Speaker's rules in order to plead for the release of the Kilmainham prisoners. I am not sure Pat will not have led the way to the Land Reform in England we are hungering for. Let bygones be bygones, therefore! Take advantage of the Tourist season; and be charmed and brightened by a trip to the far-famed Lakes of Killarney, and by personal contact with the native humour and vivacity of Paddy himself! Aye, Gladstone's "Cement" will bind Ireland to England when O'Donovan Rossa's "Cement" splutters into a million pieces of dynamite. Yes; there's reason, Ladies and Gentlemen, in Pat's appeal to John Bull Harcourt:—"Arrah, John, don't judge poor Paddy from O'Donovan Rossa, the blayguard!"

"The scene changes." Behold next the correct portrait of Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, as drawn by the Courtly Polonius who is doing the Royal Yacht Squadron for the *D.T.* Ye will observe H.R.H. as a true British Tar—stanch as ever to "England, Home, and Beau-u-t-y"—and a-dancing the sailor's hornpipe abaft the binnacle. But I believe, if the truth were known, the Royal yachtsman found it as difficult as most of us do to get his sea legs when first he stepped on board the Osborne, after a fagging London Season. "Steward!" is ofttimes the watch-word of Royal as well as plain persons in the Solent.

Ye will notice from the last tableau in the Show, Ladies and Gentlemen, that we in town have not been without our amusements. True, we were not favoured last Saturday night with the exhilarating sight of "*Youth* (Paul Merritt) on the prow, and Pleasure (Augustus Harris) at the helm" in Old Drury. No, that pleasure was postponed for a week on account of the supers not turning out to be Meiningers. But Monday brought us amends. The grand Utopian scheme of a Happy Family Opera started well with "Haverly's Big Black Boom"—a rollicking and laughter-moving entertainment by real negro minstrels full of "go" and mettle. See and hear them, by all means. And join me on Saturday night in the Crystal Smoking Hall of the Promenade Concerts, Covent Garden!

CODLIN.

A MAN should always be polite to the minister who married him. Any other treatment might be misconstrued.

HARTMANN'S PLOT TO BLOW UP THE LATE CZAR.

THE arrival of the new Emperor of Russia at Moscow has been signalised by the publication of a Nihilist narrative well calculated to make the Czar's blood run cold. Assassination is a deadly crime which is utterly indefensible; but, while the Emperor of Russia persists in obstinately withholding political liberty and a Constitution of Electoral Government from Russia, his Imperial Majesty must, it seems, be prepared to encounter daily dangers such as Leo Hartmann, the Nihilist emissary to America, alluded to last Sunday in a letter to the *New York Herald*. This cold-blooded and determined Nihilist therein gives a detailed account of the attempt to blow up the late Czar

ON THE MOSCOW RAILWAY

in 1879. He says the plan was his own. He formed it after Solovieff's unsuccessful attempt, went to St. Petersburg, and was made a member of the Executive Committee, submitting himself unconditionally to its commands. The Committee had elected three of its members, Sophie Perovsky, Kvjatkovsky (both now executed), and another person, an Administrative Council. The highest military authority of the Social Revolutionary party laid a plan before this Council. Agents were sent to examine all the railways over which the Czar might pass on his way from the Crimea and find a house which might be used as an available point for starting a mine. The agents found a house for sale in Moscow, within a hundred feet of the Southern Railway. The Council purchased this for 2500 roubles. "I was instructed," says Hartmann, "to select co-operators and take possession. Sophie Perovsky, Goldenberg (who later committed suicide in the St. Petersburg Fortress), and two others volunteered to accompany me. Sophie and I preceded the others on Sept. 7, disguised as a Russian merchant and wife, by the name of Subhorukoff.

"We fitted up the house after the style of religious and loyal subjects. To quiet the suspicions of the police and neighbours, we went to church regularly, and invited the priests to the house. We employed two workmen to dig a large hole, ostensibly for an ice cellar. This was finished on Oct. 6, when we telegraphed for help to St. Petersburg. Three men arrived next day. We decided to dig a gallery from the cellar under the street 4 ft. beneath the surface to the railway line, which was a distance of 150 ft. Though having no knowledge of mining work, we decided make the gallery triangular in shape, 46 in. high and 36 in. broad at the foot. We used large steel knives for tunnelling, and spades for throwing out the earth into the cellar, whence it was taken in iron pails to a dark closet in rear of the house. When the gallery was too far advanced to throw out the earth with spades, a piece of sheet iron, with its sides bent so as to form a box, was used, with a long rope and windlass.

SOPHIE WORKED WITH THE MEN,

doing her share of the labour in the gallery as well as taking care of the house and cooking. The sides of the gallery were secured by boards three inches thick, and placed one against the other in the form of a sloping roof lighted by lanterns hung from the top. An iron tube communicating with the chimney of the house was used as a ventilator. We worked from five in the morning until eleven or midnight daily. Only two, myself and another, were small enough to work in the bottom of the gallery, so we had to work in linen shirts and underwear. Two men fell ill, and were replaced by others. When within twenty-two feet of the line heavy rain washed a hole in the middle of the street, letting water into the gallery and exposing its roof. We were three days advancing seven feet, but were unable to go faster on account of the commotion made by the passing trains. The last fifteen feet were pierced with a large steel bore. The shaft was now barely large enough for a man to crawl into on his stomach, where we worked, stretched at full length, in icy water. When the work was finished we found the supply of

DYNAMITE

insufficient. Goldenberg was sent south to bring eighty pounds more and 200 roubles. Agents were sent along the line from Simpheropol to Moscow, and telegraphed that the Czar would leave the former place on the 15th. Then news came of Goldenberg's arrest. Only four days remained. We decided to risk all with what we had. We filled a large copper cylinder, seven feet long and half a foot diameter, with dynamite. Next day we placed it in the shaft, at the farthest end. There were 120 pounds of dynamite in nine cylinders. They were armed with capsules, and wires were fastened communicating with a spiral Rumkorf, in a trunk full of linen, in Perovsky's bed-room. Thence the wires were communicated with a commutator placed with a galvanic battery in a barn overlooking the railway line. The morning of the explosion dawned. The two who were to accomplish it were alone in the house. They were Sophie and another. The former had to observe the approach of the train and give the signal. The latter was posted near the commutator, and had to close the galvanic chain on hearing the signal. The Russian Government does not know who the other one was, and I do not consider it expedient to dispel its ignorance. The moment of the explosion had come. The train sped along the line, the signal was given, the chain was locked, a deafening report was heard, a column of earth rose over the bed of the railroad, two

CARRIAGES WERE LIFTED INTO THE AIR,

and thrown with terrible violence into the field below. In the meantime Sophie Perovsky and the other crossed the yard to the farther end, passed through an opening in the railway, prepared beforehand, into a neighbouring yard, then through the doorway into the street, and sauntered off quietly into the city, where there was a safe place of concealment.

"The same day we left for St. Petersburg by the night express. The next day the Czar reached the capital. A large crowd gathered to see him. Nearly the whole of the garrison of St. Petersburg was under arms, lining the streets from the railway station to the Winter Palace. In the crowd were innumerable spies, but we were there and nobody knew us."

There having been for many years the friendliest relations between the Washington Government and the Russian Government, we imagine Mr. Hartmann will have his revolutionary propaganda checked in the States.

SEVEN CHILDREN KILLED BY LIGHTNING.—The Berlin papers report that last week, at the village of Ahrensdorf, not far from the city, seven children returning home from the fields took shelter from a thunderstorm under a tree. The tree was struck by lightning, and all the children were killed on the spot.

DEATHS BY DROWNING AND THE NECESSITY OF POPULARISING SWIMMING.—A return has just been issued from the Home Office, in compliance with a motion of Mr. James Bright, relating to the number of deaths by drowning which took place in the inland waters of the United Kingdom during the year 1879. Although the date seems a long time ago, it is reasonable to assume that one year does not differ very much from another. By "inland waters," of course, must be understood all the waters within our territorial limit, which is three miles from the coast line. In mercantile waters, in 1879, 2076 lives were lost, and in non-mercantile waters 1614; making a total of 3690. Of these, 976 were under twelve years of age, and 2714 above twelve years. The fatal accidents to employés engaged in trade navigation numbered 301; 156 lives were lost by accidents to pleasure-boats, 190 while bathing, 147 by accidents on the ice, 998 by falling from the land into the water, 1376 were suicides or unknown causes, and 522 could not be classified. It may be contended with truth that many of these accidents need not have been fatal, and that many valuable lives would have been saved had the art of swimming been generally taught, as it should be, in the schools. In the same year there were saved from drowning in our inland waters 136 lives of persons above twelve years of age and ninety-four under that age.

Quips and Cranks.

HAVE YOU NOTICED what awful weather has prevailed since the revised edition appeared?

WHEN may a man be said to have four hands?—When he doubles his fist.

IT IS THE GREENGROCER who buys oleomargarine for butter.

DISAPPOINTMENT IN LOVE is not an uncommon cause of hair turning grey, but it remained for a Detroit girl to become entirely bald on account of losing hirsute.

A SCHOOLMISTRESS should be up to urchin in knowledge.

"WHAT I SEDIMENT," as the river murmured during high water.

A place for everything—A baby's mouth.

What is worse than "raining cats and dogs?" Hailing omnibuses.

"YOUR HUSBAND is not in to-day, ma'am?" said a collector who called at the door. "No, he is not." "Do you know where I could find him?" "I guess he has gone fishing. He carried a glass bottle filled with something he called bait."

A SAVANNAHMAN invented a water-velocipede, and thereby won the everlasting gratitude of the shark who took in both inventor and invention.

FOREMOST among the annals of the boating season is that of a gentleman who, under the influence of a spring evening, moonshine, and other romantic surroundings, was led on to ask a pretty but somewhat strong-minded young lady to "row in the same boat with him for life." "On one condition," she answered, promptly, "and that is—I steer."

WHEN IS BUTTER like Irish children?" When it is made into little pats.

WHY IS A BAD SONG like a false argument?—Because it is an absurd-ditty.

A YOUNG FRIEND, an ardent student of entomology, ordered "Moths," by Ouida, under the impression that it was a scientific book. He learned something.

BEFORE MARRIAGE she was dear, and he was her treasure, but afterwards she became dearer and he her treasurer, and yet they were not happy.

MASSACHUSETTS NEWSPAPERS are to be prohibited from publishing marriage notices in future, because marriage is a lottery.

A MAN MUCH ADDICTED to snoring remarked to his bedfellow in the morning, "that he had slept like a top."—"I know you have," replied the other tartly; "like a humming-top."

A YOUNG LADY at an examination in grammar was asked "why the noun bachelor was singular?" She replied immediately, with much naïveté, "Because it's very singular they don't get married."

A CLERGYMAN in Pittsburg lately married a lady with whom he received the substantial dowry of 10,000 dols. and a fair prospect of more. Soon afterwards, while occupying the pulpit, he gave out a hymn, read the first four stanzas, and was reading the fifth—

For ever let my grateful heart
His boundless grace adore,

when he hesitated and exclaimed, "Ahem! The choir will omit the fifth verse, and sat down. The congregation, attracted by his apparent confusion, read the remaining lines—

Which gives ten thousand blessings now,
And bids me hope for more.

"HOW MUCH?" whispered a Red Gulch miner with a 20 dol. gold piece to the deacon with the collection plate in a Baptist church in Col. He was told to contribute whatever he chose, whereupon he said he'd chip in a dollar, and proceeded to take 19 dols. change. The deacon softly replied that no change was given. A struggle ensued, the plate was upset, and the congregation were in the act of "jumping the deacon's claim," when the minister, an old Californian, leaned over the pulpit with a large navy revolver and observed: "The brethren will please observe that I've got the drop on them, and any brother who declines to go to his seat or who touches any of that money will have a funeral at his house to-morrow at two o'clock p.m. Our mining friend from Red Gulch will kindly release the deacon's throat or he is a dead man." The 20 dol. piece went to save the heathen.

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